

Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

June 2008

Applications due for Planning Commission vacancy

Monday, June 2 is the deadline to apply for a vacant position on the Bellevue Planning Commission. The person who is appointed will serve the remaining three years of a member who is resigning this spring. At the conclusion of the term – May 31, 2011 – the new member will be eligible for a four-year reappointment.

The Planning Commission is an advisory body to the City Council, responsible for reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Plan and making recommendations concerning the plan to the City Council. The Commission also reviews land use ordinances and regulations and potential annexations, and holds public hearings as requested by the City Council. The Planning Commission currently meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Applications are available on-line at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Board_Comm_Application_Form.pdf or at City Hall Service First, Crossroads Mini City Hall, Bellevue Regional Library and Lake Hills Library. Completed forms can be filed on-line, hand-delivered to City Hall, faxed to 425-452-5247, or e-mailed to mmurphy@bellevuewa.gov no later than 5 p.m. on June 2.

City invites input as large home impacts are considered

The Planning Commission will consider this month whether to support regulations that would limit the impacts of very large homes built in existing neighborhoods. At their regular June 4 meeting, Commissioners are expected to make a preliminary recommendation to City Council concerning such options as:



- Floor Area Ratio – *should the size of the single family home be in proportion to the size of the lot?*
- Side setbacks – *should very large homes be set back farther from adjacent homes?*
- Daylight plane and/or second story step-back – *should the second floors of very large houses be constructed in a way that preserves neighboring homes' access to sunlight?*

The June 4 Planning Commission meeting will get underway at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room of City Hall. Immediately prior to the meeting, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in City Hall Room 1E-109, staff will host an open house on the above options and other Neighborhood Character Phase 2 proposals. Those proposals – discussed in previous Commission meetings – include regulations affecting tree preservation in subdivisions, the placement of mechanical equipment on single family lots, construction hours for remodels and additions, and maintenance of vacated houses and abandoned building sites. For more information on the Neighborhood Character initiative, phases 1 and 2, contact Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-6836.

Finding parks – near or far – now easier

A new map-based park locator has been added to www.myparksandrecreation.com. This popular site continues to be the place to find and sign up for recreation classes offered by most East King County cities. And now, the new mapping feature allows users to find information on more than 300 city-owned parks and trails on the Eastside. Find what you are looking for by browsing the interactive map, typing in a park name, or searching for a specific feature, like picnic areas or basketball courts.

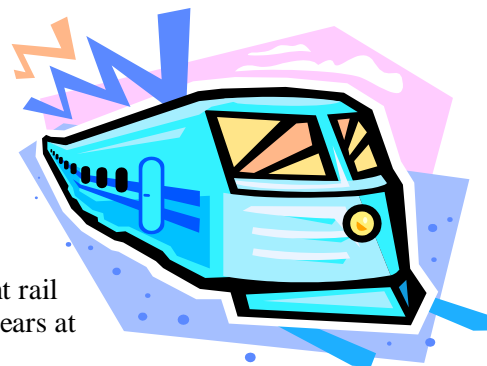
Help Sound Transit evaluate options

Now is your chance to help decide how far and how soon the region's mass transit system will expand. Sound Transit is seeking public opinion on options for a future public vote to extend high capacity transit at a slower pace than previously proposed.

Last year's voter-rejected Proposition 1 called for building 50 miles of light rail over 20 years. New options include a smaller package to be built over 12 years at 62-67 percent of the original Proposition 1 price tag.

Under this more incremental approach, further expansions would go before voters as part of separate elections. Alternately, Sound Transit could move forward with a larger 20-year package authorized through a single vote. Public input will help decide whether the next election occurs in 2008 or 2010.

Details on the Sound Transit options can be found on the agency's web site, <http://www.soundtransit.org>. You can express your views by: completing the on-line questionnaire; answering the questionnaire by telephone, 1-877-263-3801; mailing comments to 401 S. Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104; or attending an open house. The Bellevue open house is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Meydenbauer Center, 11100 NE 6th Street. A staff presentation will take place at 6:30.



Newport residents see proposed identity treatments

Residents are invited to a Tuesday June 3 unveiling of proposed "identity treatments" for the Newport Hills and Lake Heights neighborhoods. Coordinated signs and landscaping are planned for several key entry points to the community, including locations on SE 60th Street, 119th Avenue SE, 116th Avenue SE, and 123rd Avenue SE. Design of the treatments is based on public input received at previous neighborhood meetings. The June 3 meeting will get underway at 7 p.m. at Newport Hills Community Church, 5833 119th Ave. SE. For more information, contact Cheryl Kuhn at 452-4089 or Emil King at 452-7223.



Bellevue's first water spray park opens June 7

The new water spray playground at Crossroads Community Park (16000 NE 10th St.) promises fun for all ages and all levels of physical ability. The park features spouting Orca whales, squirting clams, spitting frogs and even sinking boats. The June 7 grand opening festivities will include food, music, dancers, beach balls and other fun giveaways from noon to 3 p.m. Kids of all ages are welcome – just be prepared to get wet!

June meetings

(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the city web pages listed below to download agendas.)

6/2 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Environmental Stewardship Initiative presentation on municipal impacts of climate change in the Pacific Northwest, Economic Development update (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent calendar, decision on Hearing Examiner matter of Coal Creek Rezone http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

6/3 Newport Hills & Lake Heights Neighborhood Identity community meeting (7:00, Newport Hills Community Church) Review of neighborhood entry design concepts

6/3 Light Rail Best Practices Committee (6:30, 1E-108) Final draft committee report http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light_rail_best_practices_committee.htm

6/3 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse) Courtesy hearing for Administrative Conditional Use Application for St. Louise Parish School Master Plan, update on Bellevue-Redmond-Overlake Transportation Study Successor Agreement http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

6/3 Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Overview of 2009-10 budget process, review of General Fund and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) financial projections for 2009-10, orientation to 2009-10 funding process http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

6/4 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Neighborhood Character Phase Two, continued Bel-Red deliberations http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

6/4 Community meeting on Bridle Trails Park (6:30, Ben Franklin Elementary School) Discussion of planned tree cutting in Bridle Trails State Park

6/5 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30 a.m., 1E-120) Committee reports, Network promotional materials discussion http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

6/5 Environmental Services Commission (4:00 Meet at Service First Desk for Capital Investment Program tour) (Regular meeting 6:30, 1E-112) Financial policy review, CIP update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/envIRON_serv_comm.htm

6/5 Sound Transit Open House (5:30, Meydenbauer Center) Options for expanding transit (See story above)

6/9 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Early outlook for 2009-10 budget, Municipal Court, ratification of Buildable Lands Report http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

6/10 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

6/11 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Bel-Red deliberations, 2008 Comprehensive Plan amendments public hearing http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

6/11 Youth Link Board (6:00, 1E-120) Agenda to be determined http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/youth_link_board.htm

6/12 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) & CIP Roadway/Intersection Ranked Project list, Traffic Management System upgrade http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

6/16 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Review of SR 520 tolling analysis, proposed amendments to the Clear and Grade Code to ensure consistency with the Critical Areas Ordinance (8:00 Regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, public hearing on performance audit on public disclosure http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

6/17 Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Preliminary review of Goal #1 Human Services funding applications http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

6/17 Light Rail Best Practices Committee Meeting (6:30, 1E-108) Light Rail Best Practices Committee Report http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light_rail_best_practices_committee.htm

6/19 Northwest Bellevue Neighborhood Enhancement Program Workshop (7:00, 1E-108) Opportunity to review and comment on projects proposed for NEP funding <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep.htm>

6/23 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Ped-Bike Plan update, regional issues, review of SR 520 tolling analysis, utilities capital budget early outlook/update, Development Services update, Meydenbauer Bay planning update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

6/25 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Commission retreat http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

6/26 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Ped-Bike prioritized project list, impact fees, Northup Way project update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm



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